

Jaycee Jamboree 2010

Policy Agreement

****Please read the entire document and sign the back****

Purpose

The Jaycee Jamboree Summer Day Camp is an eight week summer program for children that have completed kindergarten, or have been through formal education, through 10 years of age. Our overall purpose is to provide opportunities for the social, physical, and cognitive growth and development for all our campers. We will emphasize weekly themes to involve the campers in activities that will enhance community spirit!

Jaycee Jamboree will provide the children with opportunities to learn values including; discipline, respect for others and their property, interpersonal relationships, and respect for authority. Camp experiences will enhance the development of self-confidence and self-concept in our children. Learning will be achieved through an atmosphere of encouragement, success, fun and enjoyment!

Philosophy

Our beliefs are based on the fact that children learn through involvement!!! Therefore, PARTICIPATION in ALL activities is imperative. Camp is for those who are willing to learn and experience new activities and events. The children must come prepared, daily, for ACTIVE PHYSICAL participation.

Our main objective is to provide a safe, fun, learning environment for the children! Due to supervisory and safety concerns, children will not be excused from camp activities. Please make alternative arrangements if your children cannot participate in our scheduled activities, or if you would like them to be exempt from any activities.

Pickup Policy

Only individuals listed on our forms as eligible to pick up your child will be allowed to do so. Picture identification may be necessary if staff does not recognize a person requesting to pick up a child. Please understand the seriousness we are placing on this matter and be patient with the camp staff. Your child's safety is our top priority. Also, if your child is not picked up at the scheduled ending time of the camp day, you will be charged the following rates (times listed do not reflect those enrolled in extended care).

First 15 minutes (3:30-3:45pm)- grace period

15-30 minutes late (3:45-4:00pm)- \$5.00

30-45 minutes late (4:00-4:15pm)- \$10.00

More than 45 minutes late (after 4:15pm)- Social Services will be called.

This fee must be paid before the child enters camp the following day. The policy is in place to ensure that each child leaves on time and we can keep staffing costs down. This enables us to keep our camps at such a low weekly rate.

BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT

Time-Out

"Time-out" is the removal of a child for a short period of time (3 to 5 minutes) from a situation in which the child is misbehaving and has not responded to other discipline techniques. The "time-out" space, is located away from the program activity but within the program leader/ counselors sight.

During "time-out", the child has a chance to think about the misbehavior which led to his/her removal from the group. After a brief interval of no more than 5 minutes, the program leader discusses the incident and the appropriate behavior with the child. When the child returns to the group, the incident is over and the child is treated with the same affection and respect shown the other children.

* Adapted from the original prepared by Elizabeth Wilson, Student, Catawba Valley Technical College.

Discipline and Behavior Management Policy for Youth

Praise and positive reinforcement are effective methods of behavior management of children. When children receive positive, non-violent, and understanding interactions from adults and others, they develop good self concept, problem-solving abilities, and self discipline. Based on this belief on how children learn and develop values, this program will practice the following Discipline and Behavior Management Policy:

We Do

1. Praise, reward and encourage the child.
2. Reason with the set limits for the child.
3. Model appropriate behavior for the child.
4. Modify the classroom, camp, and playground equipment to attempt to prevent problems before they occur.

5. Listen to the children
6. Provide alternatives for inappropriate behavior .
7. Provide logical consequences for behavior.
8. Treat each child as a person while respecting needs, desires, and feelings.
9. Ignore minor misbehaviors.
10. Explain things to the child on his/her level.
11. Use short supervised periods of "time out."
12. Stay consistent with the behavior management policy.

We Do Not

1. Spank, bite, pinch, or physically punish a child.
2. Make fun of, yell, threaten, make sarcastic remarks, use profanity, or verbally abuse a child.
3. Shame/punish a child when bathroom accidents occur.
4. Deny food or rest as punishment.
5. Relate discipline to eating, resting, or sleeping.
6. Leave a child alone or without supervision.
7. Allow discipline of camper by other participants.
8. Criticize, make fun of or otherwise belittle the child's parents, families, or ethnic groups.

Discipline and Dismissal

We feel, that in order for a child to feel secure and cared for, certain guidelines need to be set and action taken if the child steps out of these boundaries. A standard discipline procedure has been established so that all children will be treated fairly. If a child is consistently disrupting a group or causing trouble that affects his/her safety or that of another child, the following procedures will be initiated:

1. Quiet reprimand/verbal warning.
2. Three time outs in one day constitutes one day suspension from the program.
3. Child brought to office, the Camp Coordinator will evaluate and deal with the problem. Parent will be telephoned, or verbal contact will be made.
4. If problem persists, the child will be asked to leave the program and no refund will be given.
5. For severe offenses, such as but not limited to fighting, theft, vandalism, possession of weapons or drugs, sexual misconduct the child will be dismissed from the program immediately, effectively bypassing the first three steps of this procedure. This will also occur with instances judged unacceptable by the staff.

I have read and understand and agree to abide by the information and policies in this document.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Name Printed

Date

Printed Name of Child #1

Printed Name of Child #2

Printed Name of Child #3